



# Profile of Town of Groton



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**Achieving Youth Results (AYR):** Tompkins County Youth Services Department worked with our community to develop goals for our county's young people and indicators (data) to track progress toward these goals. The six goals are listed in the boxes starting on page 2. For more information on Achieving Youth Results, please visit <http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/youth/AYR>.

## Population and Demographics

**Groton Population, All Ages** – 6,078, including Village of Groton, whose population is 2,389  
Groton is the fifth largest of Tompkins County towns.  
Population increased 2.2% since 2010.

**Median Age** – 43.2 (Tompkins median age – 30.4)



### Groton Youth Population

Groton's 0-17 youth population declined 21% since 2010.  
6.9% of Tompkins youth ages 0-17 reside in Groton.

Groton's 0-20 youth population declined 25% since 2010.  
4.5% of Tompkins youth ages 0-20 reside in Groton.

19.5% of Groton's population is under age 21.

### Race, All Ages

White	93.0%
Black/African American	1.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1%
Asian	2.5%
Other	0.2%
Two or more races	2.8%

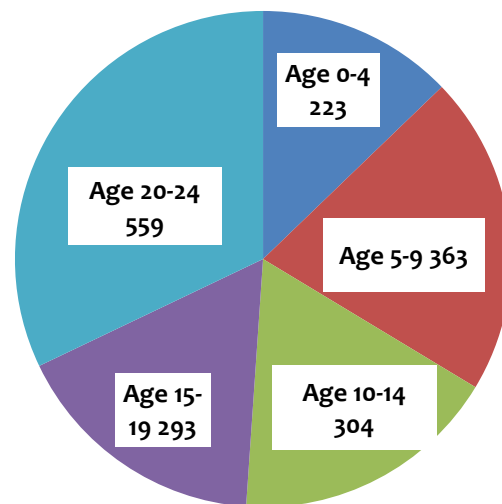
**Hispanic/Latino** 4.5%

Data Source: 1 (See p. 9)

### T. Groton Youth Population

0-17 - 1,098

0-20 - 1,183



## Community

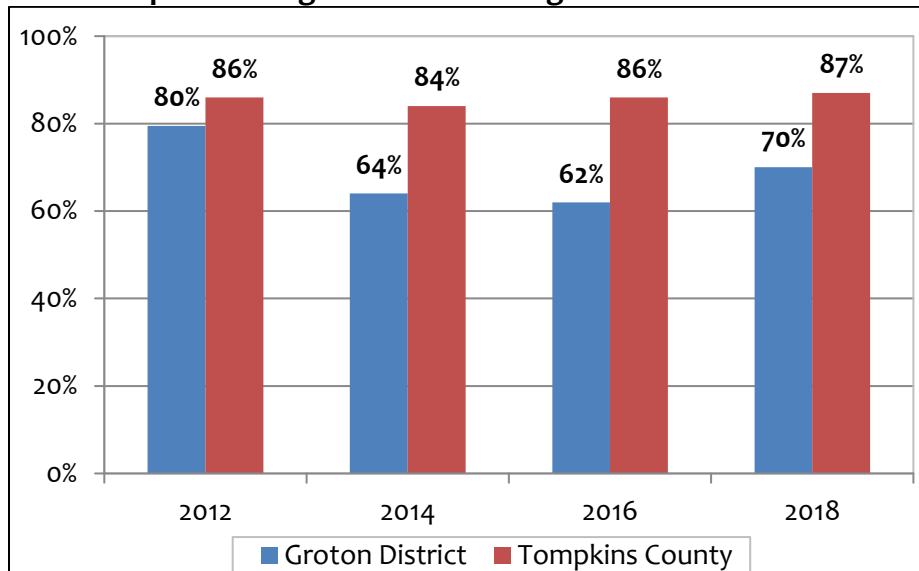
*AYR Goal: Our Community (Tompkins County) will provide children, youth, and families with healthy, safe, and thriving environments.*

**Total Number of Groton Households – 2,462**

**Groton Households Spending 30% or More of Income on Housing (5 year average)**

2007-11	2008-12	2009-13	2011-15
478	605	655	634

**Students Who Report Feeling Safe in Their Neighborhood**



Data Sources: 1, 8, 10 (See p. 9)

## Economic Security

*AYR Goal: Children and youth will live in an economically secure community.*

### Groton Poverty

People of all ages below poverty level – 10.2% (Tompkins County rate – 20.4%)

People below age 18 below poverty level – 14.5% (Tompkins County rate – 16.7%)

### Groton Housing

Number of owner occupied houses: 1,802

Percent of housing units that are owner occupied – 73.2%

Median value of owner occupied houses: \$131,200

Percent of housing units (2,597) that are mobile homes: 16.6%

For rental units, median rent – \$839



## Occupied Groton Housing Units with No Vehicle Available – 148 (6%)

### Free or Reduced Lunch Participation

	2014-15		2015-16			
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Groton Elem.	45%	5%	46%	6%	42%	7%
Groton Jr/Sr HS	35%	8%	35%	8%	36%	8%
Tompkins Co.	31%	7%	34%	6%	35%	5%

Notes: Eligibility for a family of four (July, 2017) – Free lunch - \$31,980; Reduced lunch - \$45,510

This table shows participation rates and does not reflect those youth who are eligible but do not apply and do not participate.

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Data Sources: 1, 4, 10 (See p. 9)

## Education

*AYR Goal: Youth will leave school prepared to live, learn, and work in their community.*

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### School Enrollment

	School Enrollment		Students with Disabilities		ELL* Students		Homeless Students	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Groton Elem.	351	355	44 (13%)	39 (11%)	0	0	N/A	9 (3%)
Groton Jr/Sr HS	418	440	75 (18%)	75 (17%)	0	0	N/A	8 (2%)
Groton District	769	795	119 (15%)	114 (14%)	0	0	N/A	17 (2%)
Tompkins Co.	10,376	10,489	1,566 (15%)	1,638 (15%)	260 (2%)	251 (2%)	N/A	147 (1%)

\*ELL = English Language Learners

### Students Attending Private School

In the 2017-18 school year, 29 K-12 students residing in the Groton district attended a non-public school. The largest number (9) attended Cortland Christian Academy.

## School Performance

Groton Student Performance on Spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards				
	Groton 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade		Groton 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
	ELA*	Math	ELA*	Math
2014-15	13%	35%	26%	16%
2015-16	14%	26%	47%	31%
2016-17	26%	40%	32%	85
2017-18	36%	51%	27%	3%

\*ELA = English Language Arts



NYS Education Dept.'s goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards.

2016: Due to changes in the ELA and math exams, proficiency rates from exams prior to 2016 are not directly comparable to the 2015 rates. Starting in 2014-15, 8<sup>th</sup> grade math proficiency also includes students who passed a Regents test.

## Groton Progress Toward High School Completion

Year entered 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Progress after 4 years			Progress after 5 years			New York State's standard is 80% graduating after 5 years.
	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	
2010	86%	7%	0%	90%	1%	0%	
2011	75%	7%	13%	76%	4%	15%	
2012	79%	6%	13%	83%	1%	13%	
2013	80%	12%	5%	85%	5%	6%	
2014	89%	4%	5%				

This table tracks progress by student cohort. The cohort groups all the first-time 9th graders who start school during the same school year and tracks the cohort's progress toward high school completion after 4 and 5 years.

"Graduated" includes students with a Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, or Local Diploma. Local Diplomas were phased out for general ed. students in 2013. An IEP diploma is not considered a graduation diploma.

## Plans of Groton High School Graduates and Completers

	4 year college	2 year college	Other post- secondary	Military	Employment	Other	Plan unknown
2013-14	35%	37%	3%	2%	11%	2%	10%
2014-15	34%	32%	4%	4%	16%	0%	10%
2015-16	41%	31%	0%	3%	17%	0%	8%
2016-17	50%	22%	4%	4%	12%	2%	6%

## School Life (Students, grades 7-12)

	Groton	Tompkins
Feels welcomed and appreciated by school adults	35%	46%
Has a trusted adult in school who can help with problems	60%	51%
Feels safe at school	68%	79%
Feels school rules are fairly enforced	33%	35%
Says students treat each other with respect	13%	29%
Someone said something hurtful to them in past 30 days at school	39%	25%
Was physically bullied in past 30 days at school	8%	4%

Data Sources: 4, 8 (See p. 9)

## Civic Engagement

*AYR Goal: Children and youth will demonstrate commitment to their community as contributing members of their families, schools, and neighborhoods.*

### Grade 7-12 Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities in Past 12 Months (school or community)

	2012	2014	2016	2018
Groton District	78%	79%	77%	74%
Tompkins County	81%	83%	83%	83%



### Grade 7-12 Student Participation in Sports in Past 12 Months (school or community)

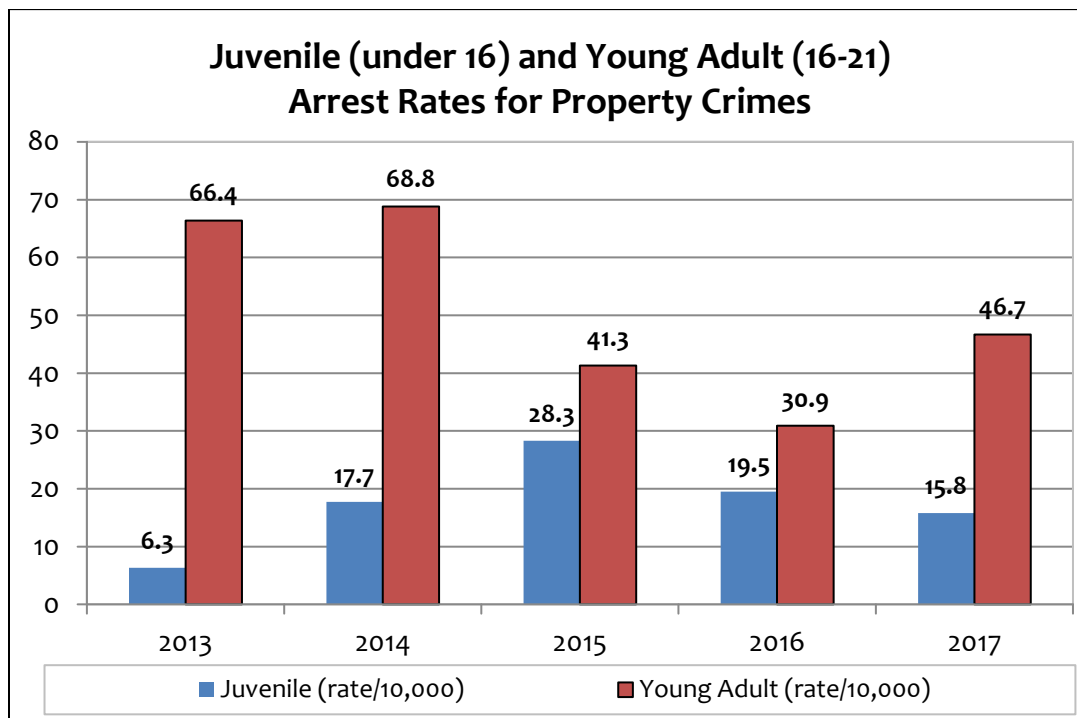
	2012	2014	2016	2018
Groton District	85%	87%	85%	79%
Tompkins County	78%	77%	75%	75%

### Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by Schools

	2015		2016		2017	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Groton Elem.	2	0	6	0	2	0
Groton Jr/Sr HS	0	7	1	8	1	11

\*A Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) is a youth under the age of eighteen who is showing a pattern of habitual disobedience, running away, curfew violations, substance abuse, violent behavior, or school truancy problems. Pre-PINS Diversion Services attempt to resolve the conflicts that brought a youth to the attention of the Probation Department by offering supervision, guidance, and referrals to community resources, thus preventing the need for formal Family Court intervention. Pre-PINS Diversion is a mandatory prerequisite prior to filing a formal PINS petition in Family Court.

## Arrests for Property Crimes – Tompkins County Rate

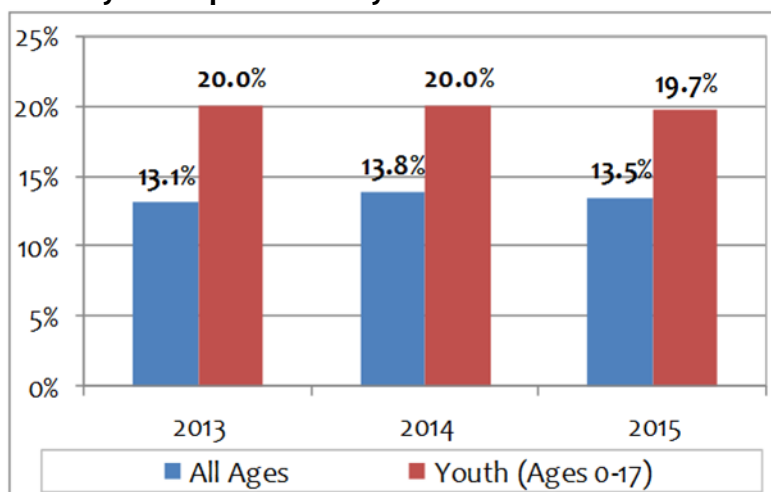


Data Sources: 7, 8, 9 (See p. 9)

## Family

*AYR Goal: Children will grow up within safe environments.*

## Food Insecurity – Tompkins County



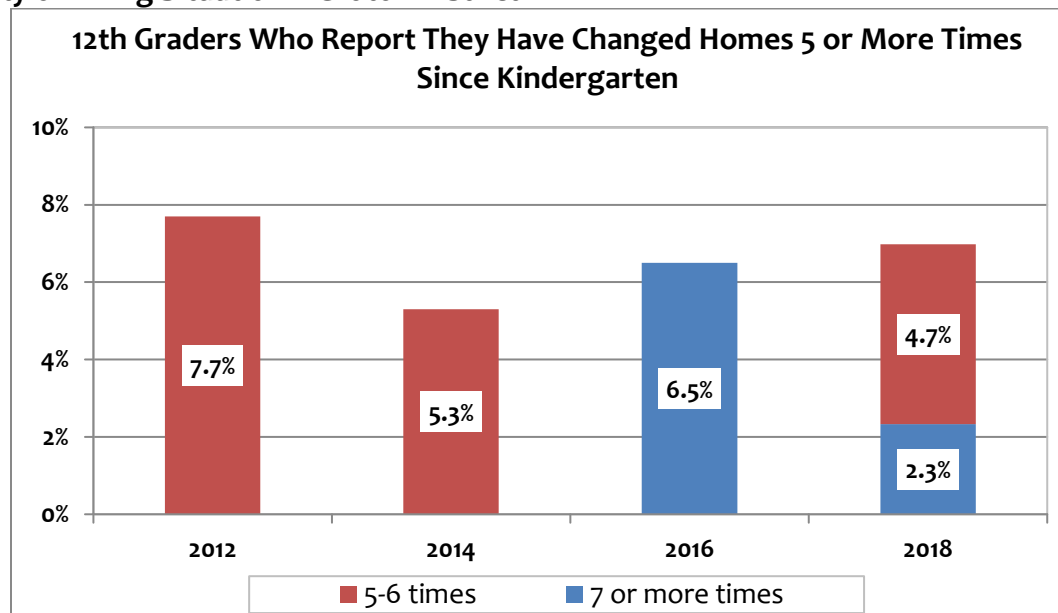
## Divorces, Families with Children Under 18 – Tompkins County

2014	123
2015	97
2016	87

## Child Care – Tompkins County

Estimated need (based on labor participation rates)	7,395
Total regulated child care slots (2019)	2,933 in 83 sites
Total legally exempt child care slots for subsidized children (2018)	176
Estimated gap, Ages 0-10	4,286 slots

## Stability of Living Situation – Groton District



Data Sources: 2, 3, 6, 8 (See p. 9)

## Health

*AYR Goal: Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health.*

**Health Insurance** – 419 (7.0%) Groton residents lack health insurance.

16 (1.4%) of Groton youth under age 19 lack health insurance.

## Youth Substance Use, grades 7-12 – Any Use Within the Past 30 Days (“Current use”)

	2014		2016		2018	
	Groton	County	Groton	County	Groton	County
Alcohol	16%	19%	11%	14%	18%	16%
Marijuana	11%	15%	10%	11%	11%	13%
Cigarettes	7%	5%	6%	3%	6%	3%
Electronic Vapor Product					27%	16%

## Teen Pregnancies and Births

	Groton Teen Pregnancies		Groton Teen Births	
	15 – 17	18 – 19	15 – 17	18 – 19
2011	1	4	1	2
2012	4	4	1	3
2013	2	4	2	2
2014	1	3	1	2
2015	1	4	1	4



Between January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018 3 Groton teens enrolled in the Child Development Council's Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Program gave birth.

## Overweight and Obese\* Students by Grade Level

		Elementary		Middle/high		All grades	
		% over-weight	% obese	% over-weight	% obese	% over-weight	% obese
School years 2016-2018	Groton district	14.9%	21.0%	16.7%	27.2%	15.5%	23.3%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.7%	16.0%	17.4%	18.8%	16.5%	17.2%
School years 2014-2016	Groton district	17.1%	17.7%	18.4%	20.0%	17.6%	18.6%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.9%	16.3%	17.3%	18.5%	16.5%	17.3%

\*Overweight = 85<sup>th</sup> to 94<sup>th</sup> percentile; obese = 95<sup>th</sup>+ percentile calculated body-mass index for age

## Mental Health of Groton District Students – Students (grades 7-12) reporting:

	2014	2016	2018
I felt sad or depressed most days in the past year	32%	32%	36%
Sometimes I think life is not worth it	25%	26%	28%
At times I think I'm no good at all	31%	34%	36%
All in all, I am inclined to think I'm a failure	18%	23%	28%

Data Sources: 1, 5, 6, 8 (See p. 9)



## Data Sources

- 1) American Community Survey 2015 (5 year estimates)  
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- 2) Child Development Council  
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